

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKETING DEPARTMENT

NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING

DOCKET NO. 2009-276-C

Budget PrePay, Inc. d/b/a Budget Phone ("Budget Phone" or the "Applicant") has filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") for designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(2) of the Telecommunications Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act"), 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.101 through 54.207 of the Rules of the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"), and 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs.103-690. Budget Phone requests that the Commission designate the Applicant as an ETC throughout the BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T South Carolina ("AT&T") service territory for the purpose of receiving federal universal service support. Budget Phone seeks only low income support, and is not requesting high cost support.

A copy of the Company's entire Application can be found on the Commission's website at www.psc.sc.gov under Docket No. 2009-276-C. A copy of the Application is also available from John J. Pringle, Jr., Esquire, Ellis, Lawhorne & Sims, P.A., P.O. Box 2285, Columbia, SC 29202.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a hearing on the above matter has been scheduled to begin at **10:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 17, 2009** before the Commission in the Commission's Hearing Room at 101 Executive Center Drive, Saluda Building, Columbia, South Carolina.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter, as a party of record with the right of cross-examination, should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **August 24, 2009**, and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. Please include an email address for receipt of future Commission correspondence in the Petition to Intervene. *Please refer to Docket No. 2009-276-C.*

Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing should notify the Docketing Department, in writing, at the address below, the Office of Regulatory Staff at 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201, and John J. Pringle, Esquire, at the above address, on or before **August 24, 2009**, and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. *Please refer to Docket No. 2009-276-C.*

Any person who wishes to be notified of any change in the hearing, but does not wish to present testimony or be a party of record, may do so by notifying the Docketing Department, in writing, at the address below on or before **August 24, 2009**. *Please refer to Docket No. 2009-276-C.*

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: Any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding **MUST** present such comments, in person, to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's Procedures should contact the Commission at (803) 896-5100.

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